

Family Court News

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Save the Date

Family Court Annual Meeting

> Friday, September 26, 2008

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2008 Distributions Coming Soon

Now that the 2007 annual reports and 2008 grant terms are all in, your 2008 distributions should be on their way within the next 30 days. Please alert your county auditor to be on the lookout for funds in late March or early April.

Re-formatted Parenting Time & Child Support Guidelines Available Online

One of the top requests we receive is for copies of the Indiana Parenting Time Guidelines. These have been available on the Court's web site, but printing a hard copy was not a popular option for most people because of their length. Both the Parenting Time Guidelines and the Child Support Guidelines have recently been reformatted to significantly reduce the number of pages. Both are available in Word and Adobe PDF on the Family Court web site.

Many of you remember the blue Parenting Time Guidelines booklets that the Court printed several years ago and have asked if these are still available. STAD is considering doing another mass printing of these booklets within the next few months. If you would be interested in having some copies to distribute, please call or e-mail and let me know how many copies your county could use so that we can get a rough idea of how many copies to print.

Article on Indiana Family Courts to be Published

To follow-up on the 2007 Summit on Unified Family Courts, the Center for Families, Children, and the Courts is publishing a volume of articles on various Family Court topics. Among the articles will be one co-authored by Judge Francie Hill and myself. A preview copy of the article will be available soon.

DVD on Unified Family Courts Available

The DVD, "Unified Family Courts: Efficient, Effective, Responsible," puts a human face on Unified Family Courts by comparing the experience of two families – one who went through the legal process in a Unified Family Court, and one who went through a more traditional court. The DVD details the experiences of the two families, interspersed with commentary from judges, attorneys, service providers, and family court experts. To receive a free copy of the DVD, e-mail Barbara Babb at the University of Baltimore's Center for Families, Children, and the Courts at bbabb@ubalt.edu.